Massey Award Bylaw (New Bylaw, to become Section 9 of Article VII)

Section Title: IEEE Information Theory Society James L. Massey Research & Teaching Award for Young Scholars

The IEEE Information Theory Society James L. Massey Research & Teaching Award for Young Scholars will be given annually to a young scholar who exemplifies the special quality of James L. Massey to integrate outstanding research with excellence in teaching. The nominee must be 40 years old or younger and a member of the IEEE Information Theory Society on January 1st of the year nominated.

The award consists of an appropriately worded plaque and a $1000 honorarium.

The selection of the award winner will be made by a subcommittee that includes the Second Vice President of the Society, and at least three other Society members selected by the Nominations and Appointments Committee. At least one of the selected subcommittee members should be a member of the Society Board of Governors. The Subcommittee Chair is selected by the Nominations and Appointments Committee.

A Call for Nominations will be published in the Information Theory Society Newsletter and posted on the Society website at least 3 months prior to the submission deadline. Nominations must include:

1. A description (maximum three pages) of the nominee’s contributions, accomplishments and impact on research & teaching in the field of Information Theory.
2. A brief biography of the nominee.
3. A maximum of three letters of recommendation.
4. Teaching evaluations.

In evaluating nominees, equal weight will be given to research & teaching accomplishments.

Nominations must be submitted by March 15 of the award year.

The selection of the winner will be completed by April 30. The recipient will be informed by the Society President after the selection has been made, and no later than May 15. The award will be presented at the IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory (ISIT) of the award year, and will be announced in the Information Theory Society newsletter and on the Society webpage.